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First Named Inventor	Rian R. Maloney
Art Unit	2623
Examiner Name	Anand P. Bhatnagar
Attorney Docket Number	074944.0108

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(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Request for Continued Examination
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Extension of Time – 1 Month

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- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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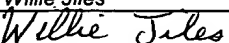
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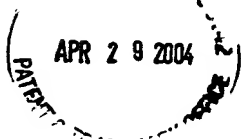
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In response to the Advisory Action mailed April 19, 2004 and the final Office Action mailed December 29, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests continued examination of the present Application so that the Examiner may enter the following amendments and reconsider the rejection of the claims.